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FOR AMBASSADOR

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1. YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT AT HIGHEST LEVEL YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE TO MAKE ORAL PRESENTATION BASED ON TEXT BELOW. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT THIS INFORMATION IS BEING CONVEYED ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AT THE MEETINGS DURING PRESIDENT CEAUSES-CU'S VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES, PRESIDENT CARTER EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD KEEP EACH
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OTHER INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS IN AREAS IN WHICH WE HAVE DEEP INTERESTS. IN THIS SPIRIT PRESIDENT CARTER WISHES TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME THOUGHTS ON THE FORTHCOMING MIDDLE EAST MEETING AT CAMP DAVID AND OUR DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT PRIME MINISTER BEGIN AND PRESIDENT

SADAT HAVE BOTH ACCEPTED THE INVITATION TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT CARTER NEXT MONTH AT CAMP DAVID. WE HAVE PURPOSELY NOT SET A FIXED DURATION FOR THE TALKS IN ORDER

TO ALLOW AS MUCH TIME AS IS NEEDED. THIS IS AN ENCOURAGING INDICATION OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH ALL PARTIES ARE APPROACHING THIS MEETING.

PRESIDENT CARTER EXTENDED THIS INVITATION BECAUSE HE BELIEVES WE HAVE REACHED A CRUCIAL POINT IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. NINE MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER BEGIN OPENED SIGNIFICANT NEW POSSIBILITIES WITH THE HISTORIC MEETINGS IN JERUSALEM AND IN ISMAILIA. ISRAEL AND EGYPT HAVE MADE PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT DIVIDE THEM, BUT RECENTLY THEY HAD REACHED AN IMPASSE. THIS WE CANNOT AFFORD, SINCE POSITIONS WOULD THEN HARDEN AND THE POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE WOULD DETERIORATE TO THE POINT WHERE PRESIDENT SADAT'S INITIATIVE COULD BECOME MERELY ANOTHER LOST OPPORTUNITY.

THE OBJECTIVE AT THE CAMP DAVID MEETING WILL REMAIN AS IT HAS BEEN DEFINED BY THE TWO SIDES THEMSELVES IN NEGOTIATIONS THIS YEAR: TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD AGREEMENT ON A FRAMEWORK, BASED ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, THAT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THE AGREED GOAL OF A STABLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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JUST, AND COMPREHENSIVE PEACE. SUCH AN AGREED FRAMEWORK MIGHT HELP TO BRING OTHER PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT INTO THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

OUR EXPERIENCE THIS PAST YEAR HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY NEGOTIATIONS ON THE CRUCIAL ISSUES BEYOND A CERTAIN POINT UNLESS THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT THEMSELVES CAN BE ENGAGED IN A DIRECT EXCHANGE. THIS WAS ONE OF THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT LED PRESIDENT CARTER TO EXTEND INVITATIONS TO THE TWO LEADERS TO MEET WITH HIM AT CAMP DAVID. PRESIDENT CARTER WILL SEEK TO PROMOTE ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENTS AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL WHICH CAN PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON THE KEY ISSUES FOR LATER MORE DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS.

PRESIDENT CARTER KNOWS YOU UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE TALKS, AND HOPES THE GOVERNMENT OF ROMANIA WILL SUPPORT THE U.S. IN THE TASK.

SINCE ROMANIA HAS JUST HOSTED THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA, HUA KUO-FENG, PRESIDENT CARTER WANTS TO INFORM THE GOR OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN U.S.-

PRC RELATIONS. DR. BRZEZINSKI'S TRIP TO THE PRC IN MAY WAS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW OUR COUNTRIES' RESPECTIVE APPROACHES TO WORLD ISSUES AND AS BEFORE

E FOUND OURSELVES IN AGREEMENT ON MANY PROBLEMS. A FEW WEEKS LATER, PRESIDENT CARTER'S SCIENCE ADVISOR DR. PRESS VISITED CHINA WITH SEVERAL OF OUR LEADING SCIENTIFIC PEOPLE TO DISCUSS FURTHER COOPERATION AND EXCHANGES IN EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE VERY FRUITFUL. WE EXPECT, FOR EXAMPLE, TO RECEIVE A RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF CHINESE TO STUDY IN THE UNITED STATES IN THE NEAR FUTURE. WE BELIEVE THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY WILL BE WELL SERVED BY CHINA'S CURRENT EFFORT TO MODERNIZE ITS ECONOMY.
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PRESIDENT CARTER ALSO REMAINS DETERMINED TO COMPLETE THE NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH CHINA AND BELIEVES RECENT DEVELOPMENTS SUCH AS THOSE CITED ABOVE ARE CON-
DUCIVE TO THIS PROCESS.

WE ARE CERTAIN THAT EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION OF THIS NATURE BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. THEY ARE CONCRETE EVIDENCE OF THE VALUE WHICH PRESIDENT CARTER PLACES IN THE CONTINUING GROWTH OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. THEY CAN SERVE NOT ONLY TO STRENGTHEN THESE RELATIONS STILL FURTHER BUT CAN ALSO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THE SOLUTION OF MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. END TEXT.

3. AMBASSADOR MAY DRAW ON REFTEL FOR GUIDANCE SHOULD ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH CAMP DAVID MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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